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There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Overseas Press Club of America on Tuesday, January 11, 1949 in the clubrooms. Notices will be sent to the Governors of the Club.

Con Gebbie, former correspondent for Yank, has just put out the latest Yank - Army News Service - Stars and Stripes directory. It includes the names of nearly 1,000 ex-editorial men who have served on these publications and what they are doing now. A copy of this directory can be had from Gebbie at the Shell Oil Co. offices in Rockefeller Center.

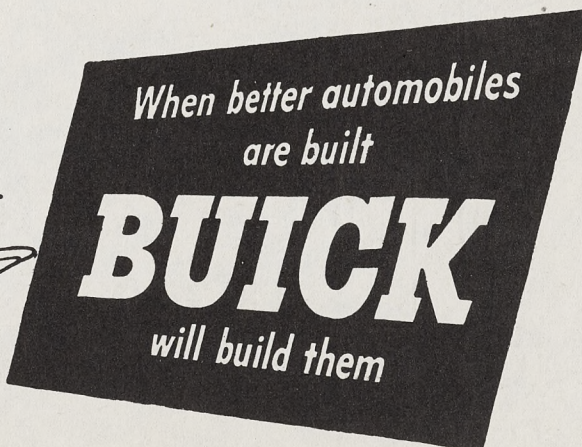
Egbert White is in receipt of a letter from Ko, Chai Ook, President of the Korean Association of Pressmen who asks for friendly guidance and encouragement from the OPC. This Korean journalist says that 95% of the total population of the North of Korea which is still separate from the South is waiting day by day for the national government in the South to take over. White will bring up this letter at the meeting of the Board of Governors' meeting in January.

Clete Roberts of Hollywood, Calif., has come across a current customs problem that needs "high level ironing out". When a correspondent abroad records a news report, either on tape, wire or disc and sends it home by express, he finds that it gets fouled up in customs, who sometimes demand as much as a thousand dollars bond per broadcast before they'll release the script to the outfit to whom it is addressed. One is usually advised to hire a broker to get it out of customs - if you want it fast. This new medium of reporting by recording instead of cable, radio-telephone or post is a relatively new development and new to the customs people. Roberts suggests that 1) this technique should be explained to the proper officials; 2) that rules be made to make it possible for the recordings to come directly through without duty and 3) that such rules be transmitted to all customs offices along with sufficient explanation of the whole problem. Will members wishing to contribute further ideas for this problem's solution, please write to W. W. Chaplin, President, so that the question can be discussed thoroughly at the Board of Governors' next meeting.

The Overseas Press Club is watching closely the new streamlined form for war correspondents to fill out on accreditation by the National Military Establishment which awaits final signature by Defense Secretary Forrestal. The new form, mailed to newspapers, cuts down the mileage of 56 questions to a low of 19. Refusals for accreditation have dropped from five to three; 1) criminal or moral misconduct; 2) violation of security regulations and 3) membership in a subversive organization. Under the new modification, only the Secretary of Defense may discredit a correspondent whereas the commanding general of a theatre could do so before (more on this subject later).

There will be a meeting of the Bulletin Committee on Thursday, January 6th in the clubrooms at 6 P.M., according to Joe Rosapepe, chairman of the committee. Notices will be mailed by the Secretary of the Club.

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FOR THAT HOLIDAY PRESENT AT THE LAST MINUTE ..... GET A COPY OF THE FOURTH OPC BOOK "AS WE SEE RUSSIA" FROM THE CLUB ..... WITH SIX OR EIGHT AUTOGRAPHS OF SOME OF THE AUTHORS IN IT .....

Edwin Haaker, of the National Broadcasting Co., is President of the Berlin Press Club ... we will be writing you in a few days, Ed. Ed and Bill Downs of CBS, also in Berlin, both send best wishes to OPC members all over the world .....

Joe Alex Morris is doing a series of eight articles for the Saturday Evening Post... the first is about Ira Smith and his "Fifty Years at the White House" as an official opener of Presidential mail.

Alice Maxwell, who does a fashion column, has just returned from two months in Paris. She says she is glad to be back in the land of steam heat, milk and money. If there are any cows in France, only the kiddies know it.

There will be a meeting of the Awards Committee at 5:30 P.M. on January 5, 1948 in the clubrooms, according to Richard C. Hottelet, chairman. Individual notices have been mailed.

Ralph H. Major, associate editor of Coronet, has three articles for magazines on the news-stands this month. "Rudolph, that Amazing Reindeer" in the December Coronet' "Can You Read This Without Yawning" in the January issue of Young Life' and, "Read Before You Write" in the December issue of the writer.

Dick Thomas, formerly with the Army in Japan as PRO, is now in the newsroom on the broadcast desk of the New York Times Station WQXR.

President W. W. Chaplin of the National Broadcasting Company has returned from covering the Southern Governors' convention in Georgia.

N. F. Allman and Randall Gould, two OPC members in China exchanged the following quipps several days ago in Shanghai. Randall carried in his Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury on December 4 the item: "N. F. Allman is the new editor and publisher of the China Press - he replaces T. L. Tsong. Let's Hang together." Allman replied in his China Press the next day: "What makes you think, Gould, that we will hang together? The boys we are about to deal with don't respect a respectable death like hanging. And... maybe... we have lived too long, anyway."

Miss Gwen Dew was married to Captain James Robert Buchanan of the U.S. Army on November 27 in Albion, Michigan. Their permanent address will be 410 Michigan Avenue, Albion, Michigan.

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The General Electric television set in the clubrooms works perfectly now -- we have an inside aerial. Bob Considine has thanked Bob Pearce of GE for this really fine present to the clubrooms.

The following applications have been received for membership in the Overseas Press Club. Please send in your suggestions, recommendations or complaints to Craig Thompson, chairman of the Admissions Committee within the fortnight. The next meeting of the Admissions Committee has been called by Thompson for Tuesday, January 4th at 5:30 P.M. in the club offices. Individual notices have been mailed to the members of the committee.

ACTIVE:

MICHAEL K. CLARK, New York Times. Clark served in France from Aug. 1946 to Jan. 1948 as the staff correspondent for The Nation magazine.

HENRY A. PHILLIPS, free lance writer. General European assignment for the London Sunday Express from 1927 to 1935; Herald Tribune correspondent in 1926; South African correspondent for Newsweek in 1947.

ALLEN RAYMOND, New York Herald Tribune, Tokyo, Japan. Paris, 1922-1924 for N.A.N.A.: London, New York Times, 1927-28; Rome, New York Herald Tribune, 1940-41; War Correspondent, Saturday Evening Post and N.Y. Herald Tribune, Pacific and European theatres; 1941-45; Roving correspondent, Europe and the Middle East, N.Y. Herald Tribune, 1945-46; Tokyo Correspondent from 1947 to present.

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OPC members of Stars and Stripes fame, have learned that Pete Lisagor, recent award winner of the Chicago Daily News and now undergoing Nieman Fellowship is at 44 Holyoke House, Cambridge 38, Mass. Pete says "This is a good program, heartily recommended - the opportunity to read after ten years at last and to audit courses at will....." S&S people say "We wish we could afford it."

Irv Taubkin, promotion manager of the New York Times, has been elected President of the N.Y. Newspaper Promotion Managers Association, succeeding Ed Bayol, formerly of the World Telegram. Secretary now is Ken Mason of the World Telegram, succeeding George Allen of the N.Y. Herald Tribune. Mark Senigo, of the Times, notes that Taubkin is also convention chairman of the National Newspaper Promotion Association to be held at the Hotel Roosevelt here in New York in April.

Bill Costello of the Columbia Broadcasting System's Far Eastern Division in Tokyo, is getting a book into print in Japanese. He is also getting an English edition printed in Tokyo - Bill is not all sure that any American publisher would risk handling it so we expect a copy in the library next month.

Costello writes that "it is frightening to think that Americans keep their interest focused on the 200 million people in western Europe at a time when a billion, four hundred million in Asia are just beginning to exploit their energies and resources."

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Thanks to Steve Hannagan, a welcome present of 3 barrels of Ruppert's beer, consumed at our picnic at the farm of Egbert White, was donated to the Club by Steve. Our appreciation herewith, Hannagan.

Dr. Cortez F. Enloe, Jr. has been made a Civilian Expert Consultant on Internal Medicine to the Surgeon General of the Army. Cort is a member of the 1949 Dinner Committee of the Club which will commemorate the tenth year of the Overseas Press Club of America.

Members of the OPC are arriving by air and sea from the UN General Assembly in Paris—they have many a tale to tell and will be called on early in January to give us the story of covering the show at the Palais de Chaillot.

Julian Garrett of the CIE, GHQ, SCAP in Japan married recently the former Ruby Nell Griffin, who is now Chief of the Information Branch of the Special Services Section of the 8th Army. Garrett says that the Bulletin brings him nearer to his old haunts in Manhattan.

Bob Considine will write the script for a new series for King Features which has just signed up Robert Stripling, chief investigator of the House Un-American Activities Committee. (Strictly Cloak and Dagger stuff, according to Bob.)

The cocktail party for Bill Gray hit a minor snow storm but forty brave souls were undaunted and rewarded by plenty of good warm liquor, good food and a splendid expose of the situation in China by Gray. Clyde Brown of Fairchild Publications and secretary of the Correspondents' Fund, who has known Bill for a long time, introduced the speaker. It was just a comfortable crowd for a bull session about China, and everyone settled down for a "do". Most of the folks had been to China and knew the score.

Gray said that the majority of the Chinese people were not backing the Government of China as represented by Chiang-Kai-Shek and that his troops had not fought as honestly as they should have. The government forces seem to hole up in the cities where the outside bastions of defense are strong and not fight in the countryside. Many of the troops are from the south of China where the language is different. When these troops go into middle and northern China, they are like strangers. The Communist forces, on the contrary, are made up of the people recruited from that territory and therefore, in many cases, friends of the people.

Bill Gray reviewed the American aid to China during the war; the feud between Stillwell and Chiang; and the policy of General Hurley and Marshall.

BOOKS RECENTLY RECEIVED IN THE CLUB LIBRARY:

HARLEM STORY, by John Hewlett, from Prentice Hall, Inc.

TALES OF MY PEOPLE, by Sholem Asch, from G. P. Putnam's

NORTH AFRICA PRELUDE, by Galbraith Welch, from William Morrow and Co.

LAND OF MILK AND HONEY, by W. L. White, from Harcourt, Brace and Co.

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